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FOR R. BRAZEAL, ARA/RCA AND ARA/MGT

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SUBJECT: IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE FOR NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ADVISED UNOFFICIALLY BY THE FONMINISTRY THAT THOSE PERSONS NOT HOLDING DIPLOMATIC TITLE OR PERSONS NOT COVERED BY BILATERAL AGREEMENT WHICH PROVIDE DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES WILL NO LONGER BE EXTENDED THE PRIVILEGE OF IMPORTING A MOTOR VEHICLE INTO URUGUAY AND SELLING SAME ON EXPIRATION OF TOUR.

2. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED OFFICIALLY BY NOTE, WE BELIEVE ALL PERSONS SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT IN THE FUTURE, NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL WILL BE ACCORDED THE PRIVILEGE OF IMPORTING ONE MOTOR VEHICLE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS FOR A MAXIMUM OF FIVE YEARS. THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO RE-EXPORT THEIR VEHICLE AT THE END OF THEIR TOUR OR AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS, UNLESS THEY SELL THE VEHICLE TO A STAFF MEMBER OF THIS OR ANY OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSION WHO IS ENTITLED TO THE SAME PRIVILEGES THEY ENJOY. THE VEHICLE MUST ENTER URUGUAY WITH VALID U.S. LICENSE PLATES. THIS ALSO MEANS ANYONE IN THIS CATEGORY MUST REGISTER A NEW VEHICLE BEFORE IT IS SHIPPED FROM THE U.S. ALL PERSONS NOT HAVING DIPLOMATIC STATUS SHOULD BE ADVISED OF THIS CHANGE IN ORDER THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THE NEW REGULATION AND CAN TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR VEHICLES WILL HAVE LICENSE PLATES BEFORE LEAVING THE U.S.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. DURING PAST YEARS WE BELIEVE ABOUT TEN), NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL OF THIS MISSION HAVE BEEN THE ONLY SUCH PERSONNEL FROM ANY EMBASSY GRANTED THE PRIVILEGE OF SELLING

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VEHICLES UPON DEPARTING URUGUAY. ALL OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSION NON-

DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN PERMITTED TO IMPORT VEHICLES ONLY UNDER A TEMPORARY IMPORT PRIVILEGE. THUS, WE ASSUME THAT THERE MUST EXIST SOME AGREEMENT OR OTHER AUTHORITY GRANTING SPECIAL PRIVILEGE TO OUR PERSONNEL. INASMUCH AS THERE IS NO RECORD IN OUR FILES WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S RESEARCHING ITS RECORDS AND PROVIDING THE TEXT OF WHATEVER AGREEMENT MIGHT BE APPLICABLE.

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